--- 1/4th Pound - “CANADA LEAF ONLY” - “Series of 1880” ---

Chris Ryan reports in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter” of March 2003, that in anticipation of the Act of 1883 the Revenue Department, on January 13th 1883, instructed BABN not to print any new supplies of the soon to be supplanted 1880-81 strips, unless specially authorized to do so. On July 1st 1883 the Department decreed that the 1/20th, 1/10th and 2 pound green strips were *obsolete*.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) John McKay records 364,312 *lithographed* copies of “1/4 lb. Green Leaf” as ‘delivered’.

He also reports that 568,647 *lithographed* copies of “1/4 lb. French Twist”, and 55,000 *lithographed* copies of “1/4 lb. English Twist” were ‘Delivered’ under the same Contract. Thus the 364,312 total of “1/4 Green Leaf Tobacco” was made-up of 1/4th pound “Canada Leaf Only” strips, plus the **1/4 lb.** overprints on the obsolete green strips.

4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) John McKay records in the TOBACCO addendum to the 4th BABN Contract the ‘delivery’ of 8,000 *lithographed* copies of “1/4 lb. Green Ribbon”.

The total is 364,312 + 8,000 = 372,312

--- The highest control number on the 1/4 lb. green CANADA LEAF ONLY stamp - as recorded to date ---

1/4 pound, Division Open	**003173**
1/4 pound, Joliette Division	none to date
1/4 pound, Montreal Division	**205145**
1/4 pound, Quebec Division	**000067** - a single strip
1/4 pound, Windsor Division	**000970**

The total is 3,173 + 205,145 + 67 + 970 = 209,355

It seems to me that John McKay included the 1/4th pound OVERPRINTS in his total of 1/4th pound ‘deliveries’. If the control numbers run without any regard to the fractional denomination within an overprinted Division there were 20,017 **1/4 lb.** overprints

1/4 lb. on 1/2 pound Quebec Division -	~~**020006**~~
1/4 lb. on 1/10th pound Quebec Division -	**020017**
1/4 lb. on 1/20 pound, Joliette Division -	none
	20,017

To date the total of plain and overprinted 1/4th pound strips is 209,355 + 20,017 = 229,372

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